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IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S COMPLIANCE
WITH § 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996.

DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-0238

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

In Decision No. 64836 (May 21, 2002) the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") considered whether Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") was in compliance with Checklist Item No. 4 of the 14 point checklist which specifies the access and interconnection a Bell Operating Company must provide to other telecommunication carriers in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Checklist Item No. 4 concerns access to the local loop. In Decision No. 64836, the Commission required Qwest to undergo an independent third-party examination of its records, back office systems and loop qualification databases in Arizona 18 months after final approval of Qwest's Section 271 application, with the purpose providing "an important check on whether Qwest's systems are working." Order at 15. Qwest received Federal Communications Commission approval of its Section 271 application on December 3, 2003, and thus, the subject audit would be scheduled to commence on or around June 3, 2005.

On March 29, 2005, Qwest filed an Application for Waiver from the Independent Audit Requirement of Decision No. 64836.

By Procedural Order dated April 20, 2005, the Commission set deadlines for responding to Qwest's Application for Waiver.

Pursuant to the April 20, 2005, Procedural Order, Dieca Communications, Inc. dba Covad Communications Company ("Covad") filed a Response. The Procedural Order also provided that Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") should file a Staff Report on the request by May 31, 2005.

On April 20, 2005, Qwest and Staff notified that the Hearing Division, that Qwest desired to talk with Covad about its objections, and expressed the belief that the Staff Report would be more fully informed after the results of the Qwest/Covad discussions are known. Qwest and Staff requested an extension of the deadline for the Staff Report. Qwest requested an indefinite extension pending a notice from Qwest that discussions were complete.

The requested extension is in the public interest. No requirements of Decision No. 64836 are waived without an Order of the Commission. No party is prejudiced by the extension request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for filing Staff Report as required by the April 20, 2005 Procedural Order shall be continued indefinitely pending further Order of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 27th day of May, 2005.


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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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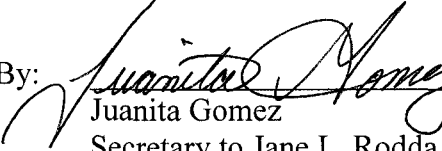
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